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Digital Resource Connects to State Archives' Collections

INDIANAPOLIS (Monday, November 09, 2009) – A new online platform connects researchers to the millions of digital records housed within the collections of the Indiana State Archives. The [Indiana State Digital Archives](http://www.digitalarchives.in.gov) simplifies the process of searching the Archives' holdings by providing online listings of commonly sought-after materials such as death, prison, military, and naturalization records. In addition to common records, the Digital Archives houses several more specific record series containing many rare indices like slave and adoption records, Department of Correction prisoner records, Indiana School for the Deaf admission registers, the Social Security death index, Marion County wills, and Indiana Lands records.

“The Indiana State Digital Archives will enable Hoosiers to instantly locate records from their home computer,” said State Archivist Jim Corridan. “This resource not only saves researchers time, but also saves State Archives employees hundreds of work hours by streamlining the records requisition process.”

The Digital Archives has several search features designed to enhance the customer’s experience. The *People Search* feature allows patrons to enter a surname and search through over 2 million records in 20 different collections in just seconds. More targeted research can be performed by choosing one of several variables and data limiters available in the *Detailed Search*.

Visit www.digitalarchives.in.gov often as its online platform is continually updated with new indices and resources. Please contact an Indiana State Archives collection specialist at (317) 591-5222 or arc@icpr.in.gov for research assistance if you experience difficulty locating specific items or for additional information on records found within the Digital Archives.

About the Indiana State Archives

The [Indiana State Archives](http://www.indianastatearchives.org) collects records of historical value from all branches of Indiana state and local government, including governmental history, census and naturalization records for families, selected medical, military and criminal records, records of land ownership, maps, blueprints and photographs. Visit the [Collections Page](#) for a detailed listing, including links to online exhibits and electronic indexes of selected records where available, or visit the Archives in person at 6440 East 30th Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46219.

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